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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON RETENTION OF THE OFFICIAL SMALLPOX VIRUS STOCKS
- JORDANIAN RESPONSE

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(SBU) EmbOff delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Health Assistant Secretary General for Primary Health Care Dr. Adel Bilbaisi on May 13. Bilbaisi, who attended most of the World Health Assemblies over the last decade and who will accompany the Minister to this year's assembly, conveyed GOJ concurrence with the U.S. position that smallpox research should proceed until the scheduled 2010 review. He added that presently, there are no Jordanian virologists to be added to the advisory committee. He also welcomed briefings by American scientists on advances in smallpox research.

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